



Switching On The **Green Light**

Revised Community Consultation Strategy

Consultation under Section 47 Planning Act 2008

Southampton Biomass Power Ltd

**Proposed 100MWe Biomass Electricity Generating Plant,
Southampton Port**

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ABBREVIATIONS

EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
IPC	Infrastructure Planning Commission
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
SCC	Southampton City Council
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Southampton Biomass Power Ltd (“Southampton Biomass Power”), a subsidiary of Helius Energy plc (“Helius Energy”), proposes to consent, build and operate a 100MWe biomass fuelled electricity generating station in the Port of Southampton. The project is classified as a ‘National Significant Infrastructure Project’ under the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.2 The Planning Act (2008), and associated Regulations, requires applications for ‘Development Consent Orders’ for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects to be made to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). The legislation sets out statutory requirements for developers to engage in pre-application consultation with local communities, local authorities and those who would be affected by the proposal as well as key public bodies.
- 1.3 The legislation requires the developer to produce a Statement of Community Consultation or ‘SoCC’ which sets out the framework for consultation with the local community and interest groups. The Regulations require that following formal consultation with the relevant Local Authority, in this case Southampton City Council, the SoCC is published in a local newspaper.
- 1.4 A Statement of Community Consultation concerned with the proposed Southampton Biomass Power scheme was published on the 8th November 2010, following consultation with Southampton City Council. A Community Consultation Strategy document was prepared to accompany the SoCC and provided further detail on the intended approach to community consultation on the proposals. This programme of consultation was completed on 21st April 2011.

Proposed Further Consultation

- 1.5 Following the completion of the consultation, Helius Energy has undertaken an initial assessment of the consultation responses received. This indicates that one of the principal issues raised is in relation to the layout and appearance of the scheme as presented in the

original consultation. Accordingly, before the application is submitted to the IPC, Helius Energy proposes to undertake a further programme of consultation on the project focused on an amended scheme design.

1.6 The further consultation will be based on additional preliminary environmental information in the form of proposed design changes to the scheme comprising:

- i Proposed changes to the layout of buildings within the site; and
- ii Presentation of 3 possible approaches to the external architectural treatment of the scheme; and
- iii Updated technical studies, based on the common plant layout, addressing air quality, noise, visual impact, TV reception, and daylight/ sunlight effects.

1.7 A revised Transport Assessment to set out the implications of expected normal operation of the plant (i.e. no more than 300,000 tonnes of material to come in by road) will also be prepared.

1.8 This document sets out the proposed process for the further consultation on the additional preliminary environmental information with the public and other consultees and informs the Revised SoCC. This Revised Statement of Community Consultation updates the Statement of Community Consultation previously published in November 2010.

2.0 HELIUS ENERGY

- 2.1 Helius Energy plc is a biomass energy development company delivering a portfolio of projects across the UK. Established in 2005 (registered to AIM, the London Stock Exchange's international market for smaller growing companies, in 2007), Helius Energy seeks to provide reliable energy from sustainable resources in a way which is economic and which has proper regard to environmental considerations.
- 2.2 Helius Energy plc's objective stems from the growing need for reliable power from renewable fuels in order to overcome the issues of climate change due to carbon dioxide emissions associated with fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.
- 2.3 Helius Energy plc is committed to promoting a wider public understanding of the need to switch to energy resources that reduce carbon emissions in order to address issues of global climate change. The company welcomes Government initiatives and encouragement to involve and inform the local community about major development projects before the formal submission of planning and related applications.
- 2.4 Helius Energy plc is a responsible and ethical company and is totally committed to being a sustainable business. As well as identifying and developing biomass energy plants, the Helius Energy plc strategy includes retaining ownership of the projects into operation.
- 2.5 The Helius Energy plc team has extensive knowledge of the UK renewable energy market, biomass energy technologies and is experienced in promoting and developing biomass fuelled power stations. Made up of a team of highly qualified and skilled individuals, each team member contributes to the company's approach to the development of new projects where development skills are complemented by construction and operational experience. In addition to the team members, the board at Helius Energy plc is of a solid pedigree, made up of 8 directors with over 150 years combined experience.
- 2.6 The Group successfully permitted its first biomass fuelled 65MWe electricity generating station on a site at Stallingborough, on the south side of the Humber Estuary. Consent

under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and deemed planning permission was granted in June 2008. The project was sold to RWE innogy in 2008 with Helius Energy retaining an interest. Preliminary site works were commenced in 2008 and commencement of the main project is anticipated during 2011.

- 2.7 In January 2009, Helius Energy secured planning permission for a 7.2MWe combined heat and power plant on a site at Rothes, Moray. The plant will use distiller's draff as a fuel feedstock. Financial Close on the project was achieved in April 2011 and construction of the scheme has subsequently commenced.
- 2.8 In March 2010, Helius Energy secured Section 36 consent, and deemed planning permission for a 100MWe biomass fuelled electricity generating station at Avonmouth Dock, Bristol. The scheme is now in design stage and it is anticipated that work on site on the project will commence in 2011.

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3.0 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

3.1 This Section outlines the regulatory obligations Heliuss Energy must fulfil with regards to community consultation and the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Requirement for Community Consultation

3.2 Section 47 of The Planning Act 2008 sets out the developer's duty to consult the local community and requires the applicant to prepare a statement (the 'SoCC') setting out how they intend to consult with the 'people living in the vicinity of the land'. The applicant is required to consult with the local authority while preparing the statement and should have regard to any response received from the local authority.

3.3 Section 47 (6) of the Planning Act 2008 requires that the SoCC be published in a local newspaper. The original SoCC for the Southampton Biomass Power project was published, in accordance with Section 47, on the 8th November 2010. In addition, the SoCC was circulated to locally elected representatives, local Councillors and made available on a dedicated project website, in the Shirley Library and through the Marchwood Parish Clerk.

3.4 Section 47 (7) of the Planning Act 2008 requires that the applicant carries out community consultation on the proposal in accordance with the framework set out within the SoCC. Heliuss Energy has undertaken and completed a programme of consultation in accordance with the previously published SoCC.

3.5 The Regulations and Guidance do not expressly provide for a procedure for a programme of further consultation where this was not provided for in the original SoCC. However, in the spirit of the legislation and guidance to enable public understanding and comment on the project, Heliuss Energy considers it good practice to duplicate the publicity procedures used for the original consultation. Accordingly, Southampton City Council were consulted on the **Date TBC** regarding the content of a Revised SoCC which sets out the process proposed for the further programme of community consultation, prior to the Revised SoCC being published. The Revised SoCC is informed by an updated Revised Community

Consultation Strategy document. The Revised SoCC was published in accordance with Section 47 of the Act on **Date TBC** and will be circulated to locally elected representatives, local Councillors and made available on a dedicated project website, in the Shirley Library and through the Marchwood Parish Clerk.

Requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment

- 3.6 It is considered that the proposed development falls within Schedule 2, Category 3(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. It is of a scale and nature that could potentially give rise to significant effects and, therefore, the applicant has undertaken to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment on the proposals and will submit an Environmental Statement with the application to the IPC.
- 3.7 Regulation 10(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 requires the applicant to set out how they intend to consult on preliminary environmental information, within the SoCC. Sections 5.0 and 6.0 of this document provide details on how the consultation on the preliminary environmental information has been undertaken to date and how a further programme of consultation will be completed.

4.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 The proposed scheme will be located within the Port of Southampton's Western Docks adjacent to Millbrook Rail freight Terminal and Millbrook (Hants) railway station (grid reference SU 396 124). The site location is shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The proposed scheme will comprise a biomass fuelled electricity generating plant capable of generating approximately 100 Megawatts (Declared Net Capacity) of electricity and associated biomass processing and fuel store, boiler house, turbine building, cooling assembly, ancillary buildings, structures, plant and equipment together with other engineering and building works. The plant will generate renewable electricity that will be fed into the local electricity supply grid, equivalent to the consumption of approximately 200,000 homes. This is sufficient to provide the Southampton population (approximately 100,000 households) and local commercial development with renewable electricity. Opportunities to provide heat to premises within the vicinity of the plant are also being investigated.
- 4.3 The plant will require up to 800,000 tonnes of solid biomass per annum. The biomass feedstock will comprise of sustainably sourced fuel in the form of virgin wood fibre; recycled wood chips; energy crops; residues from processing cereals and oilseeds; and other solid biomass material as defined by the Renewables Obligations 2009. The plant will not use general domestic waste, slurry, manure, poultry litter or liquid biomass feedstocks, e.g. vegetable oils. The majority of the fuel will be delivered to the plant through the Port of Southampton with some locally sourced fuel being delivered to the site by road.
- 4.4 Construction of the project will take approximately 36 months. It is anticipated the plant will become operational in 2015. The plant will generate between 53-450 jobs during construction and approximately 40 permanent full time jobs during operation. In addition, the plant would also help safeguard existing jobs within the area and will result in indirect employment for off-site based logistics, engineering and services support and procurement.

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5.0 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 'The Planning Act 2008 - Guidance on pre-application consultation' was released by the Department for Communities and Local Government in September 2009. Paragraph 16 of the guidance outlines the basic purpose of community consultation which ensures people:
- a. *'Have access to information;*
 - b. *Can put forward their own ideas and feel confident that there is a process for considering ideas;*
 - c. *Have an active role in developing proposals and options to ensure local knowledge and perspectives are taken into account*
 - d. *Can comment on and influence formal proposals*
 - e. *Get feedback and be informed about progress and outcomes'.*

What makes for useful Community Consultation?

- 5.2 The sharing of information in both directions, from the developer to the local community and vice-versa, can be to the benefit both the communities and the proposed development.
- 5.3 Consultation with the local community assists in providing the developer with vital local knowledge. This knowledge enables the developer to identify any likely environmental or social effects on the locality. Effective consultation enables the project design to evolve in response to those potential effects and incorporate appropriate mitigation measures. Proposed mitigation measures will seek to minimise any adverse effects and maximise the positive impacts of the proposals.
- 5.4 For the local community, engagement exercises provide a chance to understand more about the proposed scheme, explore how the development can bring value to their community, help shape solutions and have their say on the proposals.

5.5 For consultation with the local community to be effective, it is important that the developer sets out the aims of the consultation and is clear about what will be consulted upon at the various stages.

People living within the vicinity of the land

5.6 In order to comply with Section 47 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, Heliuss Energy must consult with ‘people living in the vicinity if the land’. It is therefore necessary to define ‘people living in the vicinity if the land’ and determine the area within which it is appropriate, in these circumstances, to consult.

5.7 Guidance on pre-application consultation under the Planning Act 2008, released by the Department of Communities and Local Government in September 2009, suggests finding a balance between consulting those who may be potentially affected by proposals and consulting a wider group of local people who will not be directly affected, but who will have a reasonable fear that they might be, or may have strong feelings about the project.

Inner Consultation Zone

5.8 The definition of those ‘living in the vicinity of the land’ was explored during informal consultation with Southampton City Council. The following definition was accepted by Southampton City Council during formal consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation prior to its publication in November 2010. This area comprises the ‘Inner Zone’ of the consultation area:

- i Employees of the Port of Southampton and companies located within the Port;
- ii Residents of Millbrook and Freemantle wards of Southampton who reside south of the A3057 and east of the A35;
- iii Business located within Millbrook and Freemantle including the those within the Millbrook Industrial Estate, the Manor House Industrial Estate and British American Tobacco;
- iv Residents on Redbridge road, along the route from the M271 motorway junction to Dock Gate 20;

- v Residents of the village of Marchwood; and
- vi Business premises located within the village of Marchwood, including Oceanic Estates;

Outer Consultation Zone

- 5.9 An 'Outer Zone' has been identified for the purposes of consultation comprising the wider community of the City of Southampton and neighbouring villages along the River Test.

Publically available project information

- 5.10 Information about the project is available from a number of sources as set out below.
- 5.11 The dedicated project website (www.southamptonbiomasspower.com) sets out details about the proposed project and includes a register of all publically available documents for reference along with a section of Frequently Asked Questions concerning the scheme. In addition, the website gives details of how the local community can contact Heliuss Energy to raise queries relating to the project or respond to any open consultations.
- 5.12 The information available on the website is also available in a hard copy format in the Shirley Library (Redcar Street, Southampton, SO15 5LL) and through the Marchwood Parish Council Clerk (Marchwood Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4SX).
- 5.13 The IPC has a statutory duty, under Section 51 of the Planning Act 2008, to record all advice given in relation to an application or potential application and to make this information publically available. Under Section 39 of the Planning Act 2008, the IPC must make all applications and accompanying documents, information and consultation reports available to the public on a register of applications once the application has been submitted and accepted by the IPC.

Community Consultation Strategy

5.14 Figure 5.14 sets out an overview of the strategy for community consultation strategy devised, alongside key stages of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

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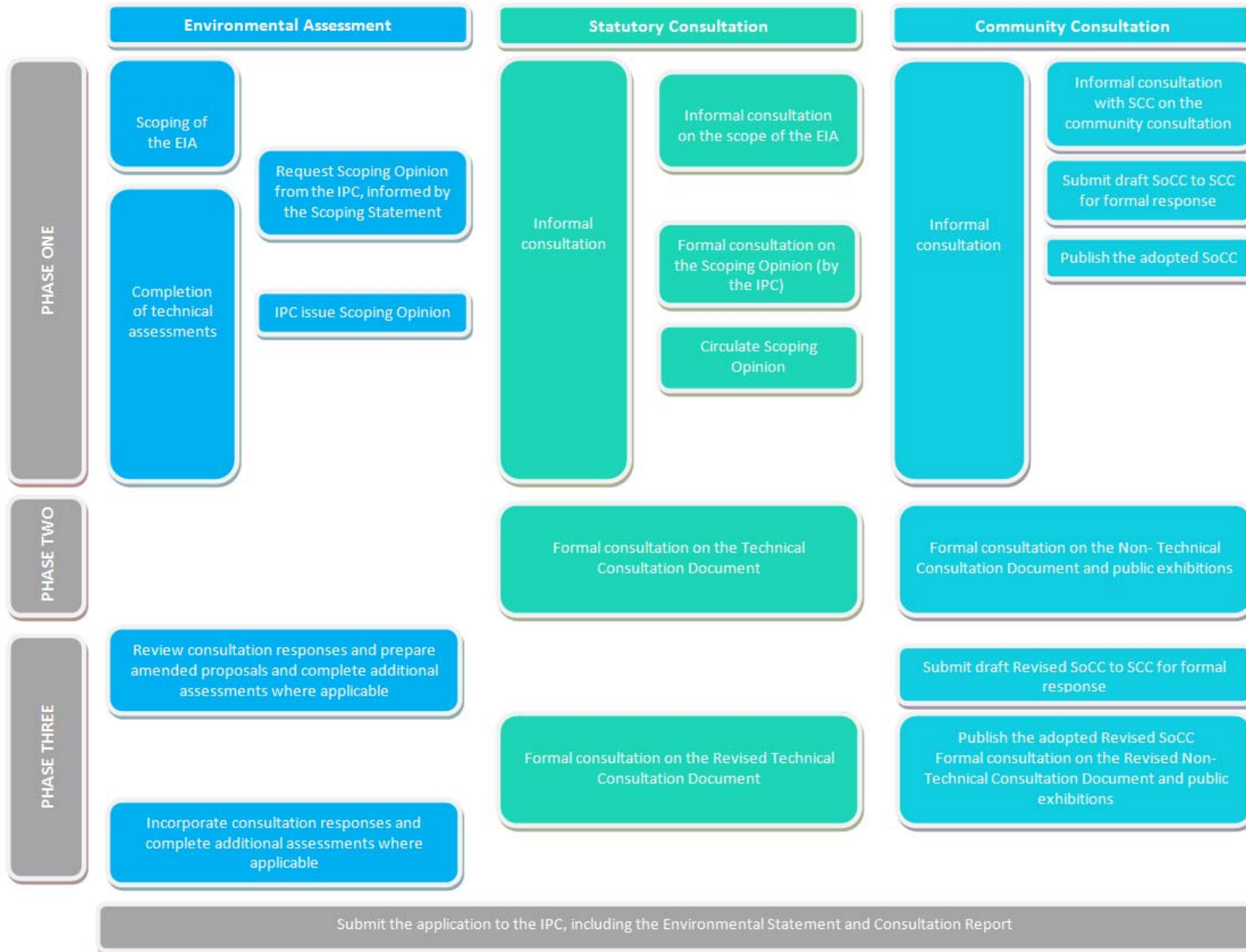


Figure 5.14 Overview of the EIA and Community Consultation processes

Previous Consultation

- 5.15 Helius Energy consulted with Southampton City Council informally to gain their input on the community consultation strategy. Particular points covered by the informal consultation included:
- i The definition of those 'living in the vicinity of the land';
 - ii The identification of potential effects on the local community;
 - iii Input into the suggested strategy;
 - iv Identification of residential associations or community groups in the vicinity of the site; and
 - v Suggested locations and timings of the proposed public exhibitions and the best means to advertise the exhibitions locally.
- 5.16 Following the informal consultation, draft versions the SoCC and Community Consultation Strategy document were submitted to Southampton City Council for formal comment on the 15th September 2010. Southampton City Council's response was incorporated into the final versions of the SoCC and the Community Consultation Strategy document.
- 5.17 Helius Energy published the finalised SoCC in full in The Daily Echo on Monday 8th November 2010 and made the Community Consultation Strategy document available on the project website from this date.

Community Consultation Phase One

- 5.18 Phase I of the community consultation involved informal consultation with the local community representatives including Southampton City Council, local residents associations & community groups. Locally elected community representatives were also informed about the scheme.
- 5.19 The aim of Phase I was to better understand the local community and identify the potential impacts of the scheme on that community. Phase I provided the opportunity for the local community directly, and through their local community representatives, to learn more

about the proposed scheme and raise any concerns regarding the potential impacts of the scheme on the locality.

5.20 Phase I was undertaken immediately following the publication of the SoCC on the 8th November 2010 until the 7th January 2011, while the environmental studies were being undertaken.

5.21 The following individuals and groups were identified as ‘local community representatives’ for the purpose of this consultation:

- i West Southampton Community Forum;
- ii Chinese Association of Southampton
- iii SOS Polonia;
- iv Southampton Federation of Residents Associations;
- v Southampton Sight;
- vi Foyes Corner Community Festival;
- vii Friends of the Field
- viii Maybush and District Community Association;
- ix Millbrook and District Community Association;
- x Redbridge Tenants and Residents Association;
- xi Councillor Fred White (Marchwood Parish Council);
- xii Mr Alan Whitehead, MP;
- xiii John Denham, MP;
- xiv Caroline Noakes, MP;
- xv Julian Lewis, MP;
- xvi Ms Catherine Bearder, MEP;
- xvii Mr Peter Skinner, MEP;
- xviii Mr Nirj Deva, MEP;
- xix Mr Daniel Hannan, MEP;
- xx Mr Nigel Farage, MEP;
- xxi Mr Richard Ashworth, MEP;
- xxii Mr Richard Ashworth, MEP;

- xxiii Mrs Sharon Bowles, MEP;
- xxiv Mr Keith Taylor, MEP;
- xxv Mrs Marta Andreasen, MEP;
- xxvi Mr James Elles, MEP;
- xxvii The Environment Centre (Southampton);
- xxviii University of Southampton;
- xxix Transition Southampton;
- xxx City of Southampton Society; and
- xxxi Business Southampton;

5.22 The local community representatives were introduced to the proposed scheme in writing and received copies of the following documents:

- i The Project Summary;
- ii The Statement of Community Consultation;
- iii The Community Consultation Strategy document; and
- iv The Scoping Statement.

5.23 The Project Summary provided a description of the proposed scheme.

5.24 The Scoping Statement set out the topics for inclusion within the Environmental Statement that will be submitted with the application, subject to further comments by the IPC within their Scoping Opinion which is available on the IPC's website: www.infrastructure.independent.gov.uk.

5.25 The community representatives were invited to make comments on the proposals and to meet with Heliuss Energy to discuss the proposals and provide feedback from the local community.

5.26 In addition to the locally elected representatives identified above, the following Southampton City and New Forest District Councillors were identified as 'local Councillors'

and were kept informed about the proposals through the provision of the project documents outlined above:

- i Councillor Carol Cunio, Mayor of Southampton;
- ii Councillor Royston Smith, Southampton City Council Leader;
- iii Councillor Michael Ball (Freemantle ward);
- iv Councillor Jeremy Moulton (Freemantle ward);
- v Councillor Brian Parnell (Freemantle ward);
- vi Councillor David Furnell (Millbrook ward);
- vii Councillor Linda Norris (Millbrook ward);
- viii Councillor Andrew Wells (Millbrook ward);
- ix Councillor Paul Holmes (Redbridge ward);
- x Councillor Peter Marsh-Jenks (Redbridge ward);
- xi Councillor Catherine McEwing (Redbridge ward);
- xii Councillor Matthew Dean (Shirley Ward);
- xiii Councillor Terence Matthews (Shirley Ward);
- xiv Councillor Raymond Mead (Shirley Ward); and
- xv Councillor Alison Hoare (Marchwood Ward).

5.27 The project website was launched at the start of Phase I. The website provides details of the project directly to the members of the public and has been updated throughout the consultation process. All documents circulated to the local community representatives have been made available on the project website. A copy of all the information provided on the website is also available in the Shirley Library, 14 Redcar Street, Southampton, SO15 5LL and through the Marchwood Parish Council Clerk, Marchwood Village Hall, Vicarage Road, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4SX.

5.28 The website includes an e-mail address (enquiries@southamptonbioamssp.com) to allow members of the public to contact Heliuss Energy to ask questions about the proposed scheme. The public are also able to register to receive a notification when the website is updated with new information.

Community Consultation Phase Two

- 5.29 Phase II of the community consultation strategy involved formal consultation with the local community and was undertaken once the majority of the environmental assessments had been completed.
- 5.30 The aim of Phase II was to inform the local community about the preliminary environmental information concerning the project t, including any anticipated effects of the scheme on the locality. Views were sought on the mitigation measures proposed within the scheme design.
- 5.31 Phase II commenced on the 7th February 2011. Due to the level of interest in the scheme and the public comments received, on the 16th February 2011, Helius Energy extended the consultation period to the 21st April 2011 and held several additional exhibitions in Millbrook and Marchwood. The extended consultation deadline was the subject of Statutory Advertisements as well as a local press release and updates to the project website. A further leaflet distribution exercise was undertaken and site notices were posted within the ‘Inner Zone’. Local Community Representatives and Local Councillors were advised of the extended deadline for consultation responses in writing.
- 5.32 Preliminary environmental information was communicated in two ways through:
- i A Non Technical Consultation Document; and
 - ii Public Exhibitions.

Non Technical Consultation Document

- 5.33 A Non Technical Consultation Document was published, which outlined the proposed scheme and summarised the key potential environmental effects of the proposal. The document included project drawings and images. As it was designed for the local community, the consultation document was written in non-technical language and addressed issues raised during earlier consultation communication.

- 5.34 The publication of the Non Technical Consultation Document was advertised in the Daily Echo for two consecutive weeks on the 7th and 14th February. Following the extension to the public consultation period, further advertisements were made in the Southern Daily Echo on the 21st and 28th February 2011 and the Southampton News Extra and Advertiser on the 24th February and 3rd March 2011.
- 5.35 Copies of the Non Technical Consultation Document were available at the following locations:
- i Southampton City Council, Planning and Sustainability, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY;
 - ii Southampton City Council Gateway, One Guildhall Square, Southampton, SO14 7FP;
 - iii Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley High Street , Southampton SO15 5LL];
 - iv On request from the Parish Clerk, Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood Village Centre, Marchwood, Southampton SO40 4SF; and
 - v On the project website: www.southamptonbiomasspower.com.
- 5.36 A copy of the Non Technical Consultation Document was also provided to the local community representatives and local Councillors identified under Phase I.
- 5.37 A copy of the full Technical Consultation Document was also available on the project website and at the locations indicated in Paragraph 5.35 above for those members of the local community with a further interest in the proposals.
- 5.38 Following consultation with Southampton City Council, Heliuss Energy also provided information about the project to those primary schools located within the 'Inner Zone' with an invitation to engage with Heliuss Energy on a wider environmental and energy context.

Public Exhibitions

5.39 Several public exhibitions were held at the start of Phase II to provide the opportunity for the local community to meet with Heliuss Energy’s project team and discuss the proposals. Table 5.39 sets out the dates and venues of the exhibitions.

Table 5.39 Phase II Public Exhibition Dates and Venues

Date	Venue
Wednesday 9 th February 2011	Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood Village Centre, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4SF
Thursday 10 th February 2011	Poveys Centre, Shirley, 159 Shirley Road, Southampton SO15 7RX
Wednesday 16 th March 2011	Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood Village Centre, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4SF
Monday 21 st March 2011	Thompson Memorial Hall, Millbrook Baptist Church, Testwood Road, Freemantle, SO15 8RL
Tuesday 22 nd March 2011	Thompson Memorial Hall, Millbrook Baptist Church, Testwood Road, Freemantle, SO15 8RL
Wednesday 23 rd March 2011	Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood Village Centre, Marchwood, Southampton, SO40 4SF

5.40 Representatives from the specialist consultants responsible for assessing the areas of specific concern to the local community, namely emissions to air, noise and transport were also available to answer more specific questions.

5.41 Information about the project was communicated through the use of posters. Copies of the Non Technical Consultation Document, Technical Consultation Document, SoCC and Community Consultation Strategy document were available for review. Heliuss Energy also provided copies of the IPC’s Advice Note 8, later updated as Advice Note 8, Sections 8.1-8.3, as handouts.

- 5.42 The dates and locations of the exhibitions were advertised in the Southern Daily Echo on the 7th and 14th February. Following the extension to the public consultation period, further advertisements were made in the Southern Daily Echo on the 21st and 28th February 2011 and the Southampton News Extra and Advertiser on the 24th February and 3rd March 2011. The exhibitions were also advertised on the project website, on 20 site notices placed in strategic locations within the Inner Zone and through a leaflet drop to business and residential properties in the Inner Zone.
- 5.43 The local community representatives, local Councillors, and employers within the Port of Southampton were advised of all the exhibition details and were invited to attend.

Formal responses to Phase II consultation

- 5.44 The deadline for responses of the 21st April 2011 was specified in all advertisements, on the project website and on all copies of documents and leaflets published. The deadline complied with the requirements of the Regulations to provide a minimum of 28 days for responses to the consultation.
- 5.45 The dedicated project website provided a facility for members of the public to submit their comments directly to Heliuss Energy. Members of the public were also able to submit written comments at the public exhibitions or by post Southampton Biomass Power Ltd, Heliuss Energy, 242 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 6JL.
- 5.46 All consultation responses received by the applicant during the period 7th February – 21st April 2011 will be taken into account when preparing the final application documents to be submitted to the IPC. The Heliuss Energy response to matters raised through the programme of consultation will be presented in the Consultation Report to be submitted with the application to the IPC.

Further programme of consultation

- 5.47 Initial assessment of consultation responses from the Phase I and II consultation has indicated that one of the principal issues raised is in relation to the layout and appearance of the scheme. Accordingly, before the application is submitted to the IPC, Heliuss Energy intends to undertake a further programme of consultation on the project based on an amended scheme design. The Phase III consultation will present additional preliminary environmental information related to the amended scheme design and will therefore focus on:
- i Proposed changes to the layout of buildings within the site; and
 - ii Presentation of 3 possible approaches to the external architectural treatment of the scheme; and
 - iii Updated technical studies, based on the common plant layout, addressing air quality, noise, visual impact, TV reception, and daylight/ sunlight effects.
- 5.48 A revised Transport Assessment to set out the implications of expected normal operation of the plant (i.e. no more than 300,000 tonnes of material to come in by road) will also be prepared.
- 5.49 The process to be followed under Phase III will follow that adopted for Phase II of the Community Consultation Strategy and will involve formal consultation with the local community. Phase III will commence with the publication of the Revised SoCC in the Southern Daily Echo on **Date TBC**.
- 5.50 The aim of Phase III is to present the additional preliminary environmental information, in the form of the amended layout and design proposals together with associated updated environmental studies, to the local community and gain their views on the revised scheme.

- 5.51 Additional preliminary environmental information will be communicated through:
- i A Revised Non Technical Consultation Document; and
 - ii Public Exhibitions.
- 5.52 The publication of the Non Technical Consultation document including the locations where the documents can be accessed along with the details of the public exhibitions will be advertised within the SoCC published within the Southern Daily Echo on the **Date TBC**, within Statutory and Non Statutory adverts within in the Southern Daily Echo and the Southampton News Extra & Advertiser on consecutive weeks prior to the commencement of the public exhibitions, on the project website and through a leaflet distribution to business and residential properties in the 'Inner Zone'. Leaflets will be distributed through a direct mailing exercise designed to provide at least 7-10 working days notice of the first exhibition.
- 5.53 Respondents to the previous rounds of consultation will also receive written notification (by letter or email according to the form of the communication) of the further round of consultation and details of the public exhibitions.

Revised Non Technical Consultation Document

- 5.54 A Revised Non Technical Consultation Document will be published, outlining the details of the amended scheme and providing information on the three proposed design approaches for consultation. The document will also provide a non-technical summary of the updated environmental assessments undertaken and will include other key potential environmental effects of the proposal, as summarised in the previous Non Technical Consultation Document for information. The document will include updated project drawings and images. As it will be designed for the local community, the consultation document will be written in non-technical language.
- 5.55 Copies of the Non Technical Consultation Document will also be available at the following locations:

- i Southampton City Council, Planning and Sustainability, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY [8.30am-5.00pm Mon to Fri];
- ii Southampton City Council Gateway, One Guildhall Square, Southampton, SO14 7FP [8.30am-5.30am Mon, Tues and Fri, 9.30am-5.30pm Wed and 8.30-7.00pm Thurs];
- iii Shirley Library, Shirley Precinct, Shirley High Street , Southampton SO15 5LL [9.30am-7.30pm Mon, Tues and Fri, 10.00am -7.00pm Wed, and 9.00am-4.00pm Sat]; and
- iv On request from the Parish Clerk, Marchwood Village Hall, Marchwood Village Centre, Marchwood, Southampton SO40 4SF [9am-12noon Mon to Fri].

5.56 All consultation documents, including the Revised Technical Consultation Document, will also be available on the project website: www.southamptonbiomasspower.com.

Revised Technical Consultation Document

5.57 A Revised Technical Consultation will be prepared presenting the additional preliminary environmental information including details of the revised scheme design, updated environmental studies and mitigation proposals. The Revised Technical Consultation Document will be available to those members of the local community who have a more detailed interest in the scheme through the project website and the locations set out in Paragraph 5.55 above.

Public Exhibitions

5.58 Public exhibitions will be held at the start of Phase III to provide the opportunity for the local community to meet with Heliuss Energy’s project team and discuss the amended proposals and 3 possible design approaches.

5.59 Representatives from the specialist consultants responsible for assessing the areas of specific concern to the local community, namely the design of the scheme, emissions to air,

noise and vibration and transportation effects will also be available to answer more specific questions.

5.60 In response to comments made by the local community during Phase II consultation, a model of the proposed layout will also be made available at the exhibitions.

5.61 The public exhibitions will be held between 2pm-7.30pm on the dates set out in Table 5.61.

Table 5.61 Phase III Public Exhibition Dates and Venues

Date	Venue
TBC	TBC (Millbrook)
TBC	TBC (Marchwood)
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5.62 Due to the timing of the exhibitions over the summer months, the exhibitions will be staggered over a 4 week period to ensure that members of the local community who may be on holiday during part of the consultation period will have the opportunity to access a public exhibition.

5.63 Information about the project will be communicated through the use of posters and copies of the Revised Non Technical Consultation Document, as well as the Revised Technical Consultation Document, will be available for review.

5.64 Respondents may submit comments in response to the consultation at the exhibitions and handouts relating to public involvement in the IPC process will also be made available.

Local Community Representatives

5.65 The local community representatives, as identified above, will be provided with copies of the following documents:

- i The Revised Statement of Community Consultation;
- ii The Revised Community Consultation Strategy document; and
- iii The Revised Non Technical Consultation Document.

5.66 The local community representatives will also receive invitations to the public exhibitions and will be offered the opportunity to meet with Helius Energy to discuss the proposals and provide feedback from the local community.

5.67 Should additional community groups or residents associations within the areas identified as being ‘within the vicinity of the land’ be identified throughout the application process, they will be included in future communications with the ‘local community representatives’.

5.68 Following the local elections on the 5th May 2011, the list of Local Councillors has been updated:

- i Councillor Carol Cunio, Mayor of Southampton;
- ii Councillor Royston Smith, Southampton City Council Leader;
- iii Councillor Michael Ball (Freemantle ward);
- iv Councillor Jeremy Moulton (Freemantle ward);
- v Councillor Brian Parnell (Freemantle ward);
- vi Councillor David Furnell (Millbrook ward);
- vii Councillor Asa Thorpe (Millbrook ward);
- viii Councillor Andrew Wells (Millbrook ward);
- ix Councillor Paul Holmes (Redbridge ward);
- x Councillor Andrew Pope (Redbridge ward);
- xi Councillor Catherine McEwing (Redbridge ward);
- xii Councillor Satvir Kaur (Shirley Ward);
- xiii Councillor Terence Matthews (Shirley Ward);
- xiv Councillor Raymond Mead (Shirley Ward);
- xv Councillor Alison Hoare (Marchwood Ward); and

xvi Councillor Sue Bennison (Marchwood Ward).

5.69 The Local Councillors will receive copies of the same documents as the Local Community Representatives and will also be invited to attend the public exhibitions.

Formal responses to Phase III consultation

5.70 The deadline for all consultation responses to be submitted is **Date TBC**. This date will be specified on all advertisements, on the project website and on all copies of documents and leaflets published.

5.71 Members of the public will also be able to submit written comments in the following ways:

- i At the public exhibitions;
- ii Through the dedicated project website comments page;
- iii By post to Southampton Biomass Power Ltd, Helius Energy plc, 242 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 6JL.

5.72 All consultation responses received by the applicant before **Date TBC** will be acknowledged and taken into account when preparing the final application documents to be submitted to the IPC

Consultation feedback

5.73 Feedback on consultation is important to ensure the local community know their views have been heard. The main source of feedback from the community consultation will be in the form of the Consultation Report, which will be submitted with the application to the IPC.

5.74 The Consultation Report will include a summary of all community representations and Helius Energy's response to those comments from Phase I, II, and III of the consultation programme. The Consultation Report will be circulated to the local community

representatives and a copy will be available on the project website once the application has been accepted by the IPC. Heliuss Energy may also choose to provide direct feedback to individuals where appropriate.

6.0 STATUTORY CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

Identifying who should be consulted about the proposed application

6.1 Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the applicant to consult with a number of statutory bodies and organisations. Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 lists the bodies or persons who must be consulted on relevant proposals. The following organisations been identified as relevant to the proposed scheme:

- i Associated British Ports Harbour Master, Southampton;
- ii Associated British Ports, Southampton;
- iii BRB Residuary Limited;
- iv British Airports Authority;
- v British Gas Pipelines Limited;
- vi CEFETRA;
- vii Chilworth Parish Council;
- viii DB Schenker;
- ix DP World Southampton;
- x Eastleigh Borough Council;
- xi ECG (Distribution) Limited;
- xii EDF Energy (IDNO) Limited;
- xiii Energetics Electricity Limited;
- xiv Energetics Gas Limited;
- xv English Heritage;
- xvi Equality and Human Rights Commission;
- xvii ES Pipelines Limited;
- xviii ESP Electricity Limited;
- xix Ford Motor Company Limited;
- xx Fulcrum Pipelines Limited;
- xxi Government Office for the South East;
- xxii GTC Pipelines Limited;

- xxiii Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust;
- xxiv Hampshire County Council;
- xxv Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- xxvi Hampshire LRF Secretariat;
- xxvii Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust;
- xxviii Hampshire Police Authority;
- xxix Health Protection Agency;
- xxx Hound Parish Council;
- xxxi Hythe and Dibden Parish Council;
- xxxii Independent Pipelines Limited;
- xxxiii Independent Power Networks Limited;
- xxxiv Intoto Utilities Limited;
- xxxv Joint Nature Conservation Committee;
- xxxvi MacIntyre Scott;
- xxxvii Marchwood Parish Council;
- xxxviii Marchwood Power Limited;
- xxxix Marine Management Organisation;
- xl Maxx Media;
- xli Montague Meyer;
- xl ii National Grid Gas Plc;
- xl iii National Grid;
- xl iv NATS En Route plc;
- xl v Natural England;
- xl vi Network Rail (CTRL) Limited;
- xl vii Network Rail Infrastructure Limited;
- xl viii New Forest District Council;
- xl ix New Forest National Park Authority;
- l North West Trading;
- li Northern Gas Networks Limited;
- li i Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council;
- li ii O2 Telecomms;
- li v Office of Rail Regulation;

- lv OFGEM;
- lvi OFWAT;
- lvii Partnership for Urban South Hampshire;
- lviii Pentalver;
- lix Quadrant Pipelines Limited;
- lx RECRESCO;
- lxi River Hamble Harbour Authority (Hampshire County Council);
- lxii Royal Mail Group;
- lxiii Scotland Gas Networks Plc;
- lxiv Solent Stevedores;
- lxv South Central Ambulance NHS Trust;
- lxvi South Central Strategic Health Authority;
- lxvii South Downs National Park;
- lxviii South East England Development Agency;
- lxix South East England Forest District Office;
- lxx South East England Regional Assembly;
- lxxi Southampton Cargo Handling;
- lxxii Southampton City Council;
- lxxiii Southampton City PCT;
- lxxiv Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust;
- lxxv Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc;
- lxxvi Southern Water;
- lxxvii SP Gas Limited;
- lxxviii SSE Pipelines Limited;
- lxxix SSE Power Distribution Limited;
- lxxx Sustainable Development Commission;
- lxxxi Test Valley Borough Council;
- lxxxii The British Waterways Board;
- lxxxiii The Civil Aviation Authority;
- lxxxiv The Coal Authority;
- lxxxv The Commission for Architecture and The Built Environment;
- lxxxvi The Crown Estate Commissioners;

- lxxxvii The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee;
- lxxxviii The Electricity Network Company Limited;
- lxxxix The Environment Agency;
- xc The Gas Transportation Company Limited;
- xcI The Health and Safety Executive ;
- xcii The Highways Agency;
- xciii The Homes and Communities Agency;
- xciv The IPC;
- xcv The Maritime and Coastguard Agency;
- xcvi The Rail Passengers Council;
- xcvii Totton and Eling Town Council;
- xcviii Transammonia AG;
- xcix Trinity House;
- c Utility Grid Installations Limited;
- ci Wales and West Utilities Limited;
- cii Wales and West Utilities Limited;
- ciii West End Parish Council; and
- civ Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust.

Statutory Consultation Strategy

- 6.2 As with the framework for community consultation, technical consultation will be carried out in three phases to run concurrently with the community consultation (see Figure 5.14).

Statutory Consultation – Phase One

- 6.3 Initial consultation was on an informal basis as part of the environmental assessment of the proposals. Initial consultation on the contents and form of the Scoping Statement was sought from statutory bodies where necessary.

6.4 The IPC consulted with the Statutory Bodies directly prior to publishing the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion. The IPC's Scoping Opinion is available on their website: www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Statutory Consultation – Phase Two

6.5 The second phase of consultation involved the circulation of a formal Technical Consultation Document to all Section 42 Statutory Consultees.

6.6 The Technical Consultation Document included:

- i A summary of the main proposals;
- ii A map of the site location;
- iii A plan of the site layout;
- iv Plans indicating the basic engineering elevations of the scheme; and
- v Summaries of the technical environmental assessments undertaken.

6.7 Formal Statutory Consultation ran concurrently with the Phase II Community Consultation between 7th February and 21st April 2011, providing Statutory Consultees more than the a minimum period of 28 days required by the Regulations to respond directly to Helius Energy on the contents of the consultation documents.

Statutory Consultation – Phase Three

6.8 The third phase of consultation will involve the circulation of a formal Revised Technical Consultation Document to all Section 42 Statutory Consultees.

6.9 The Technical Consultation Document will include:

- i A summary of the main proposals and amendments;
- ii A map of the site location;
- iii A plan of the revised site layout;

- iv Plans indicating 3 possible approaches to the external architectural treatment of the scheme; and
- iv Summaries of updated technical studies, based on the common plant layout, addressing air quality, noise, visual impact, TV reception, and daylight/ sunlight effects.
- v A revised Transport Assessment to set out the implications of expected normal operation of the plant (i.e. no more than 300,000 tonnes of material to come in by road).

6.10 Formal Statutory Consultation will run concurrently with the Phase III Community Consultation between **Date TBC** and **Date TBC**, providing Statutory Consultees more than the a minimum period of 28 days required by the Regulations to respond directly to Helius Energy on the contents of the consultation documents.

Consultation Report

6.11 All Section 42 consultation responses received by the applicant will be contained within the Appendix of the Consultation Report submitted with the application to the IPC.

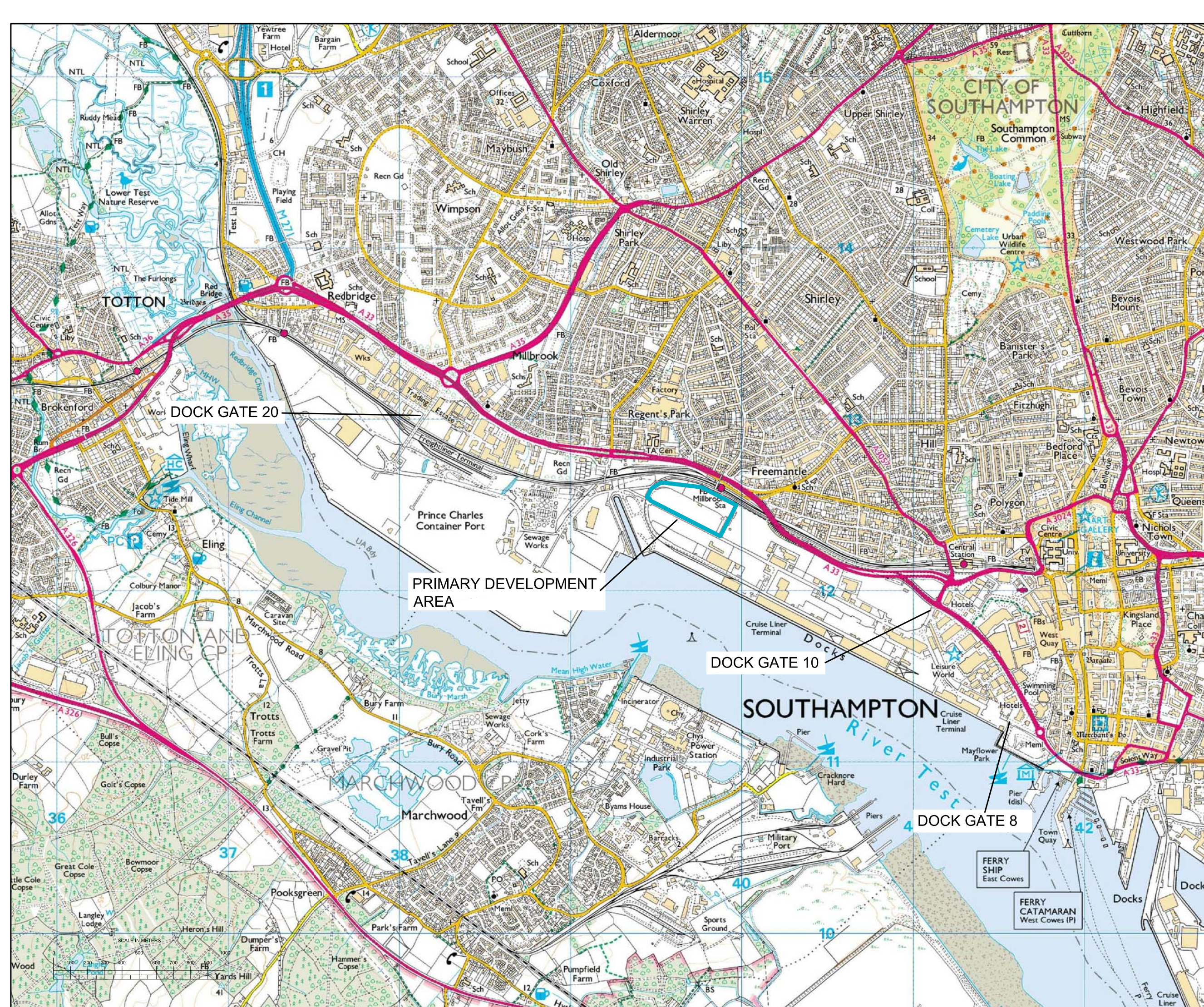
6.12 Helius Energy will have regard to these responses when preparing the proposed application to the IPC and may respond directly to the Statutory Consultees. Further advice may be sought during the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment and compilation of the Environmental Statement.

7.0 IPC APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 7.1 Following the completion of Phase III of the consultation strategy, Helius Energy will compile the application documents for submission to the IPC. The application documents will include a Consultation Report, which will detail the various consultation activities carried out by the applicant to fulfil the obligations set out in the SoCC. The Consultation Report will also include a summary of the responses received during the various consultation activities with the local community and Helius Energy's response to the comments made. The responses received by the Statutory Consultees will also be included.
- 7.2 Following submission of the application, the IPC has 28 days to determine whether the community consultation undertaken by the applicant has been sufficient before formally accepting the application.
- 7.3 On receiving confirmation that the application has been accepted by the IPC, Helius Energy will place advertisements in the Daily Echo, a national paper and the London Gazette to advise of the accepted application, in accordance with Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008. Helius Energy will also post public notices in at least 20 prominent positions within the 'Inner Zone' advising of the accepted application. All notices will advise of the deadline for interested parties to register with the IPC. The project website will be updated accordingly and copies of the Environmental Statement and Non Technical Summary will be made available. In addition, the documents relating to the application will be made available on the IPC's website: www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure.
- 7.4 Details of how to register as an Interested Party can be found on the IPC's website page 'Have your say' and within Advice Note Eight – Sections 8.1-8.5, issued by the IPC in February 2011.
- 7.5 The IPC will request a Local Impact Report from the Local Planning Authority, in this case Southampton City Council, under Section 60 of the Planning Act 2008, and will carry out further consultation with interested parties.

7.6 On the 29th June 2010 the Government announced plans to abolish the IPC but retain the skills and expertise within a Major Infrastructure Planning Unit as part of the Planning Inspectorate within the Department for Communities and Local Government. New legislation will be required to bring about this change. Until that legislation is in place, the IPC will continue within its present role. Further details are available on the IPC's website.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE LOCATION



NOTES

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